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Letter dated 19 September 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-eighth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Fifth Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/58/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Items allocated to the Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 118):

   (a) United Nations;

   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (item 119).

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (item 120).

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (item 121).

5. Programme planning (item 122).

   [The General Assembly decided that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, the plenary, the Main Committees and the Economic and Social Council should include in their programme of work a review of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as provided below, and should transmit all relevant comments to the Fifth Committee prior to its consideration of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions and of the recommendations contained in chapter III, section C (Evaluation), of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16):

Agenda item		*Documentation*	*Committee*
12.	Report of the Economic and Social Council	A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 7; and A/58/84	Second Committee
39.	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support	A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 8; chap. IV, sect. B; and A/58/83	Plenary
52.	Oceans and the law of the sea	A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.2	Plenary
86.	Questions relating to information	A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 23; and A/58/90, annex	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
91.	Macroeconomic policy questions	A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.3	Second Committee
110.	Advancement of women	A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.4	Third Committee]

6. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (item 123).

7. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (item 124).

8. Pattern of conferences (item 125).

9. United Nations common system (item 126).

10. Human resources management (item 127).

11. Administration of justice at the United Nations (item 128).

    [The General Assembly decided to allocate this item to the Fifth Committee for its consideration, and to the Sixth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the question of an amendment to the statute of the Administrative Tribunal.]

12. Joint Inspection Unit (item 129).

13. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (item 130).

14. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (item 131).

15. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (item 132).

16. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations (item 133).

17. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (item 134).

18. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (item 135).

19. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (item 136).

20. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (item 161).

21. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (item 137).

22. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (item 138).

23. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (item 139).

24. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (item 140).

25. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (item 141).

26. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (item 142).

27. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (item 143):

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

28. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (item 144).

29. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (item 145):

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

30. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (item 146).

31. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (item 147).

32. Strengthening of the United Nations system (item 59).

    [The General Assembly decided that this item would also be allocated to the Fifth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting" and "Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget".]

33. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chap. I; chap. VII, sects. B and C; and chap. IX) (item 12).

    [The General Assembly decided that the following chapters of the report of the Council would also be referred to the Second and Third Committees:

    Chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX.]

34. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (item 17):

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

    (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

    (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

35. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).